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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Miscellaneous Action issued on March 26, 2002, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following remarks.

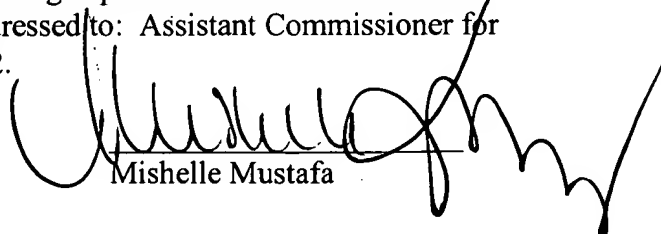
REMARKS

In the miscellaneous response, the Examiner objects to the Terminal Disclaimer filed on December 31, 2001, because the person who signed the Terminal Disclaimer is not of record. In response, a Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith which is signed by an attorney of record and which disclaims any portion of the term of the present application that extends past the term of U.S. Patent No. 6,128,816.

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